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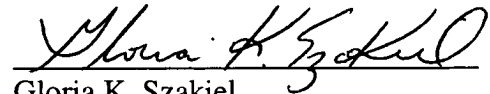
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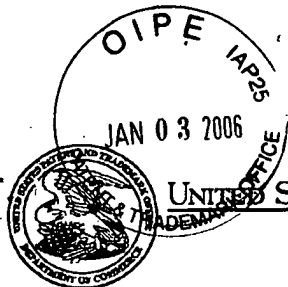
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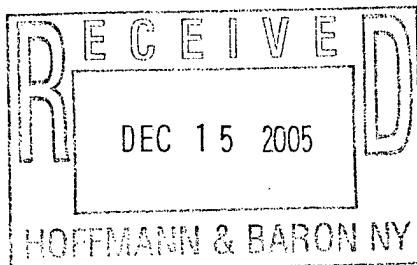


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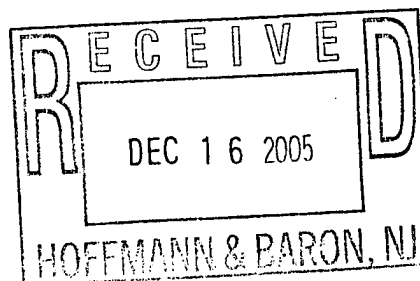
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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SUBSTRATE FOR TAFI (A)

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

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